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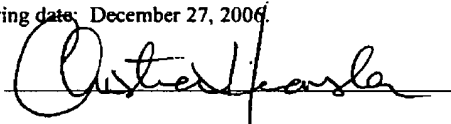
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated October 12, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 12, 2007, Applicant respectfully request entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 10.

Replacement Information Disclosure Statement has been included herein.